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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	FILIPPO BELARDELLI, ET AL.	) Art Unit: 1644 )
		) Examiner: GERALD R. EWOLDT )
Application No.:	09/845,042	)
		) Re: RESPONSE )
Filed:	4/27/01	)
		) Our Ref.: B-4161 618742-8 )
For:	"METHOD FOR GENERATING HIGHLY ACTIVE HUMAN DENDRITIC CELLS FROM MONOCYTES"	) Date: October 22, 2003 )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This response is submitted within the shortened statutory period of one month to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003. Therefore, an extension of time is not required.

**REMARKS**

While the Applicants traverse the outstanding restriction requirement, the Applicants nevertheless provisionally elect Invention I (Claims 1-25) for prosecution on the merits.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 121, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized, but is not required to restrict an application to one invention if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application. In view of the expenses that would be imposed upon the Applicants by multiple patents, it is believed that restriction requirements should be issued

only when absolutely necessary; and the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement.

The traversal of the restriction requirement and the remarks regarding the traversal are being submitted without prejudice. Neither the traversal of the restriction requirement nor the remarks regarding the traversal shall be interpreted as disputing the Examiner's suggestion that Inventions I-V are patentably distinct.

If elected Claims 1-25 are found to be allowable, then the Examiner should consider on the merits Subclaims 26-53 because these subclaims are each directly or indirectly dependent on an allowable elected base claim (one of elected Claims 1-25).

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

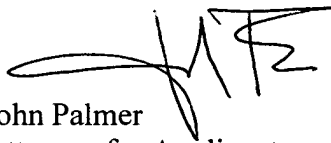
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Respectfully submitted,



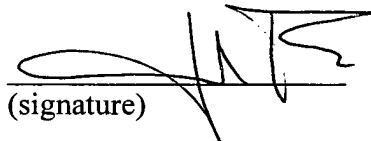
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